

I am writing to say that I OPPOSE this proposed rule change. I want the FCC to return to traditional media ownership rules. Further consolidation of the media in the hands of a few powerful corporations will be a disaster for our nation and for our democracy in my opinion.

Thomas Jefferson said "If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, it expects what never was and never will be . . . The People cannot be safe without information. When the press is free, and every man is able to read, all is safe."

- Media monopoly does not lead to a free press. In fact, quite the opposite is true. This is being demonstrated today in the US.
- The argument that concentration of media ownership will result in lower prices for consumers is spurious. In fact, monopoly ownership will result in quite the opposite.
- We may get diversity in the technologies used to deliver news but we will NOT get diversity of opinion. The latter is the more important to our nation.

Our nation and our democracy are already suffering from the lack of diversity of opinion expressed in the media. This must not continue or I fear for the future.